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1st Indorsement

3 January 1950

TO: THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

THRU: THE EXECUTIVE

1. This office is in full accord with the principle of proposals made by ADSO, and the added security which can be attained by their implementation.

2. To date, the polygraph program has been very carefully handled in order to insure against (1) unfavorable publicity, (2) unfavorable reaction amongst employees, and (3) unwarranted intrusion upon the personal privacy of the individual. It is vital to the success of the program and its elaboration as proposed by ADSO that we take every precaution to continue to guard against these or other unfavorable reactions. I know, of course, that ADSO is aware of these policy considerations, but mention them in order to bring out that the full implementation of the program is one of careful "timing" and in the case of applicants will be a matter of careful "cover coordination" between I&SS, Personnel, and the other offices involved.

3. With these factors in mind, I concur in the basic paper. The full implementation of this paper will require the addition of one or two polygraph operators. This office proposes to commence the program based upon present staff and not to request additional personnel until the need therefor can be more definitely fixed. I do recommend that I&SS should be allowed a vacancy from the Personnel Pool to permit the recruitment, investigation and training of one operator. I believe the priorities mentioned are appropriate and will be followed in so far as possible. I&SS must, however, retain a certain amount of flexibility in order to accord the OSO program with the overall requirements of the Central Intelligence Agency.

4. As mentioned above, the matter of polygraph examination of applicants requires action by the Office of the Executive and certain broad policy determinations beyond the scope of I&SS.

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